

*Bear by
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1 the State would introduce in evidence
2 proof to show that during the period of
3 May 3rd to June 24th, the Defendant, as
4 John L. Raines, was employed by a Mr.
5 and Mrs. Klingerman at the Indian Trail
6 Restaurant which is located in Winnetka,
7 Illinois.

8 Various experts from the F.B.I.
9 laboratory would be called to testify, and
10 their testimony would be in substance as
11 follows:

12 Mr. George J. Bonebrake, who has been
13 working with fingerprints since 1941,
14 would testify that at 5:15 A.M., April 5th,
15 1968, he received the following items as
16 has been heretofore testified to; that is,
17 the rifle, the items that, from the bag,
18 that were delivered to him by the repre-
19 sentative from the Memphis F.B.I. office,
20 with reference to this material from the
21 front, recovered from the front of Canipe's
22 Amusement place here, that he found a
23 print of sufficient clarity, fingerprint
24 of sufficient clarity on the rifle itself;

he found another print of sufficient clarity
for identification on the scope, the Redfield
scope mounted on the rifle; he found a print
on the aftershave bottle, which is in the
little packet that was obtained or purchased
from the Rexall Drug Store in Whitehaven,
Tennessee, which was part of the items that
we have heretofore mentioned to you. He
found a print on the binoculars. He found
a print on one of the Schlitz Beer cans.
He found a print on the front page of the
April 4th issue of the Memphis Commercial
Appeal. That on April the 17th he received
this map of Mexico which was, the State
would have shown, was obtained from the
room, Jimmy Garner's rooming house; that
he found prints of sufficient clarity on
that map for identification purposes; that
he started an extensive investigation
through fugitive files consisting of some
53,000 fingerprint cards, and on April the
19th he identified all the above-mentioned
prints that I have mentioned to you from
these items as being identical with the

1 records bearing the name and photograph of
2 James Earl Ray.

3 That on June the 24th, 1968, he com-
4 pared the prints from these items that I
5 have mentioned to you with the prints that
6 he obtained from Insp. Bryan in London,
7 England. Mr. Benebrake went to London.
8 He also compared on July the 22nd the prints
9 obtained from James Earl Ray when he was
10 brought and delivered to the sheriff of
11 Shelby County here at our jail, and would
12 testify that in his opinion all the above-
13 mentioned prints were made by one and the
14 same person to the exclusion of all other
15 persons in the world.

16 That on May 6th, 1968, he also examined
17 a modern photo book store coupon, bearing
18 the name, Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland,
19 Birmingham, Alabama, and found a thumb print
20 identical with the other prints heretofore
21 mentioned and which he attributed to James
22 Earl Ray. That further on August the 27th,
23 1968, he examined several checks from the
24 Indian Trail Restaurant payable to John

1 Raines and found a thumb print identical
2 with the left thumb print of James Earl
3 Ray.

4 Mr. Robert A. Frazier, the chief,
5 firearms identification unit at the F.B.I.,
6 with 27 years experience, would testify
7 as to examination and firing of this rifle,
8 30.06, that has been heretofore introduced.

9 He examined the cartridges, the hull
10 from the chamber of this rifle, the slug
11 removed from the body of Dr. Martin Luther
12 King, Jr., and would testify as to his con-
13 clusions as follows:

14 The death slug was identical in all
15 physical characteristics with the five
16 loaded 30.06 Springfield cartridges found
17 in the bag in front of Canipe's. The cart-
18 ridge case had in fact been fired in this
19 30.06 rifle. That the death slug removed
20 from the body contained land and groove
21 impressions and direction of twist con-
22 sistent with those that were in the barrel
23 of this rifle.

24 That he also made microscopic

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1 comparison between the fresh dent in the
2 sill of the window at the bathroom, 422 1/2
3 South Main, and concluded that the micro-
4scopic evidence in this dent was consistent
5 in all ways with the same microscopic
6 marks as appear on the barrel of this rifle,
7 30.06 rifle.

8 That his examination of the 243 caliber
9 Winchester rifle, which had been purchased
10 on March the 29th and returned on March the
11 30th, was not capable of chambering or fir-
12 ing a slug. There were certain deposits
13 on the end of the bolt which had to be
14 chiseled away before this gun was capable
15 of being fired. That is the gun that was
16 returned.

17 Morris S. Clark would be called as
18 another expert from the F.B.I., with ref-
19 erence to hair and fiber examinations, and
20 he prepared microscopic slides from this
21 green spread. He also made examinations
22 of the pillow that was removed from 5-B,
23 the bed clothing removed from 5-B, and he
24 found fibers of the same type as is on this